



# Cybercrime: Your Network... My Playground?

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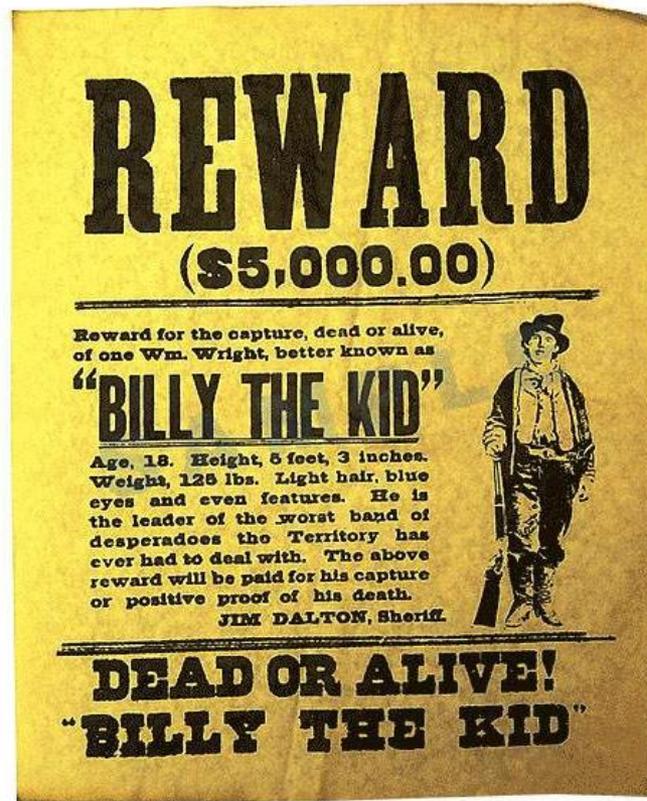


- To present the cyber criminal's view of your network and data
- To present real life examples of cyber crime
- To present preventive measures you can take





- Don't try this at home
- Don't do the crime, if you can't do the time





**Cybercrime: Criminal activity that utilizes an element of a computer or computer network**

**Examples include:**

- Identity theft
- Cyber-extortion
- Information theft
- Fraud
- Exploitation of children
- Intellectual property theft
- Phishing and Vishing





- A State was affected by a scam that ended up costing the State millions of dollars due to their financial systems paying fraudulent bills



# Targeting Large Payment Processors

- Heartland Payment Systems (100 million card transactions per month)
  - Intrusion in mid-2008
  - Planted malware used to steal credit and debit card data
- World Pay – 1.5 million cards breached (Dec 23, 2008)
- “Unnamed Processor”
  - Key logger from 2/08 – 8/08
  - Targeted card-not-present transactions, online and call-based transactions and not magnetic-stripe track data



- Predicted job losses in the US: **1.5 million**
- Attacks from insider breaches: **18%**
- Losses in 2008 due to organized crime, hackers and inside jobs: **\$1 trillion**
- Percentage of data breaches from simple ignorance of staff: **88%**
- Amount of overall cybercrimes reported: **10%**
- Of the cybercrimes reported, the percent that end with a conviction: **2%**



- Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986
  - 18 USC 1030
- “Access device statute”
  - 18 USC 1029
- Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986 (ECPA)
  - 18 USC 2510 and 2701
- Cyber Security Enhancement Act of 2002
- Electronic Espionage Act of 1996 (EEA)
- Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998



- Often versions of federal laws where interstate commerce is not involved (so federal prosecution would not be possible)
- Specialized crimes
  - Spam (e.g. West Virginia)
  - “Deceiving a machine” Alaska Stat. § 11.46.985
  - Computer trespass (Washington)
  - Tampering with an electronic voting machine (Texas)
  - Introduction of false data into a bank computer (Idaho)
  - Cyberstalking (Rhode Island)

# Why Did They Become Criminals?

- They think:
  - It's not a crime, it's just a game
  - A lot of people do it
  - I know it's a crime, but I need money
  - I can hide myself very well
  - No one will investigate it
- Blackmail or Extortion
- Easy money



# Vulnerability Exploit Cycle

1. New vulnerability found in attacker circles; limited exploitation
2. Vulnerability becomes known outside circle and gets wider exploitation
3. Automated tools appear; script kiddies run tools
4. A patch for vulnerability appears
5. Reverse code engineering of patch brings more variations
6. Exploits for a given vulnerability decline



# Preference of Hackers

Profit ↑	Small Damage More Profit (Experienced Hacker)	Severe Damage More Profit (Almost None)
	Small Damage Less Profit (Newbie)	Severe Damage Less Profit (Exploit Buyer)
	Damage →	



- Website attacks: exploiting browser holes
- Botnets
- Cyber espionage
- Insider attacks
- Malware
- Web application security exploits
- Social engineering through phishing



- Cross-Site Scripting
- SQL Injection
- Remote File Include
- Clear Text Transmission of Sensitive Information
- Hard-Coded Password
- Execution with Unnecessary Privileges



- 11% of dynamic websites are vulnerable to SQL injection
- Over 500,000 web servers compromised world wide (2008)
- Hidden I-Frame redirects:
  - Attacks use SQL injection to silently re-direct web clients from trusted (but compromised) web sites to sites hosting malicious JavaScript. Installs key loggers, Trojan horse programs and more onto visitor's PC.

Video: [SQL Injection](#)



- Inject hidden re-directs into everyday sites using XSS and SQL injection:
  - `<u style="display: none"><A href="hxxp://www.sample.com/click.jsp?redirect=HxxP://12345678.com/Fin.php? =835&t=porn">viagra porn</A>`
- Results:
  - Push Malware / Key loggers
  - Increase Google ranking



## ■ Google

- "src=<script src=http://" site:yoursite.com  
OR yoursite2.org
- attacker.cn site:.com



**Web** Results **1 - 10** of about **1,460** for **Rir [redacted].cn site:.com**. (0.06

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[www.\[redacted\].com/MWEmain.asp?Option=Detail&TripID=99&Category=fun&River=asf](http://www.[redacted].com/MWEmain.asp?Option=Detail&TripID=99&Category=fun&River=asf)

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- Search web logs with BareGrep for “DECLARE”

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2008-07-22 19:04:08 192.168.173.69 - <removed> <removed> 80 GET /directory/hax04.cfm
SubjectID=18&RecNum=3980';DECLARE%20@S%20CHAR(4000);SET%20@S=CAST(0x4445434C415
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05461626C655F437572736F72%20AS%20CHAR(4000));EXEC(@S); 200 0 33180 1549 390 HTTP/1.1
```

- Search DB tables for “src=<script  
src=http”

- Immediately disconnect the webpage
- Input validation – Type, length and format
  - White List – Only allow required characters
  - Black List – Disallow bad characters
- Review logs
- Turn off debugging
- Use parameterized queries
- Apply least privilege access to web applications





- “AKILL” 18 year old New Zealander
  - Hacker for hire
  - Made 25 cents per adware installed (net \$40,000)
  - His malware used in a \$20 Million heist
    - Encrypted Botnet controlled 1.3 Million hosts, and did \$20 Million in damages
    - AKILL controlled 50,000 bots
  - Charged as a result of the FBI’s Operation Bot Roast II





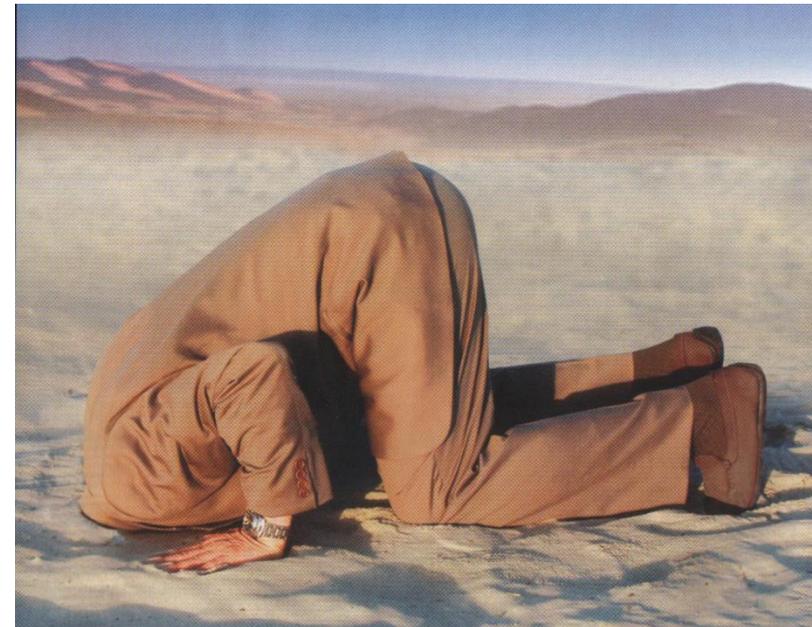
- Troubled economy and lay-offs increase the insider risk
- 60 percent of ex-employees leave with insider information
  - Enforce termination procedures
  - Limit access to those who need it





## ■ Myths

- I'm not a big enough target
- They can have my data, I don't care
- We've never been hacked
- Nobody would target me
- My firewall protects us
- My password is strong



- Created phony celebrity LinkedIn profiles with malware links reporting to be pictures of nude celebrities
- Fake profiles included: singer Beyoncé, Kirsten Dunst and Kate Hudson



- Pr0n codecs
  - Phony multimedia player downloads
- Pr0n Blackmail
- Fake Anti-virus pop-up





- Who??
  - Traditional scam artists
  - Large organized criminal elements
- Why??
  - Low risk, high reward crime
  - It is all about money
    - Directly to use your accounts or identity
    - To resell your accounts or identity on the black market
  - Average “take” from Identity Theft is almost 10 times greater than from armed robbery



# Preventing Identity Theft



- Do not give private information over the phone to unknown callers
- Do not send private information through e-mail to unknown recipients
- Shred sensitive documents and junk mail
- Check your credit report at least once a year
- Only use secure internet sites for e-commerce
- Do not open spam

Example (Free AV software)





From: eBay [support\_num\_382578336098@ebay.com]  
To: Ksander, Scott L.  
Cc:  
Subject: eBay Inc informs you [Thu, 21 Jul 2005 14:34:25 -0100]



Dear eBay Member,

We regret to inform you that your eBay account could be suspended if you don't re-update your account information.

To resolve this problem please visit link below and re-enter your account information:

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If your problems could not be resolved your account will be terminated after this period your account will be terminated.

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Regards,  
Safeharbor Department eBay, Inc  
The eBay team  
This is an automatic message, please do not reply





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Subject: GREETINGS FROM U.A.E

Hello my dear,

Before I introduce myself, I wish to inform you that this letter is not a hoax mail and I urge you to treat it serious. I am Director of Procurement Department at the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources, here in the United Arab Emirates. I obtained your email while searching for a reliable person, who could assist me in receiving transfer of a supposed contract awarded funds. This fund came as a result of over estimated contract awarded sums executed by foreign contractors in the Petroleum Ministry. This fund has been approved for payment to the contractor by the concerned Ministry. The contracts had been executed and commissioned. What I am about to receive now, is the over estimated funds which the contractor whom I helped during the process of obtaining the contracts added to his estimation for my own interest. This is a normal deal that goes in my Ministry by top officials.

On our part, all modalities has been worked out in ensuring a smooth conclusion of the transfer to your account within the next few days. All I want from you is to receive this funds on my behalf, because as Government Official I cannot collect the funds directly from the contractor, neither I am allowed by Law to operate/ run foreign bank accounts. If you are trustworthy and can assist me in receiving the fund, do not hesitate to respond back to me immediately.

Please note that there is no risk involved in receiving the funds in your account for and it will be done through wire transfer. I wish you to state in percentage what you shall have for the use of your account. As soon as you indicate your interest, further details and the amount involved shall be given to you once I hear from you. Please, treat with utmost confidentiality.

Looking forward to hearing from you soonest.

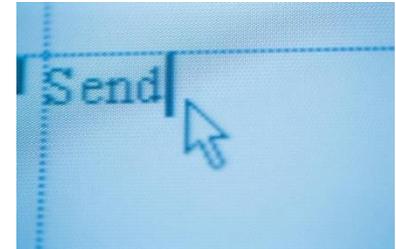
Best regards,

Engr. Abbah Nasser.  
Ministry of Petroleum and Ministry Resources.  
United Arab Emirates.

# Spam is Hostile



- Spam can be dangerous
  - Never click on the opt-out link!
  - Tells spammers they found a working address
- What should you do?
  - Filter it out whenever possible
  - Just delete the email



# ■ Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition

## Computer Virus Strikes CSX Transportation Computers

Freight and Commuter Service Affected

### SECURITYFOCUS NEWS

#### Slammer worm crashed Ohio nuke plant network

By [Kevin Poulsen](#), Security

#### Sasser eyed over train outage

Chris Jenkins

MAY 02, 2004

The Guardian  
UK news

### Hacker attack left port in chaos

Busiest US port hit after Dorset teenager allegedly launched electronic sabotage against chatroom user

Rebecca Allison  
Tuesday October 7, 2003  
[The Guardian](#)

A lovesick hacker brought chaos to America's busiest seaport after launching a computer attack on an internet chatroom user who had made anti-American comments, a court heard yesterday.

Aaron Caffrey, 19, is alleged to have brought computer systems to a halt at the Port of Houston, in Texas, from his bedroom in Shaftesbury, Dorset, in what police believe to be the first electronic attack to disable a critical part of a country's infrastructure.

Corp has sent in software engineers to find the cause of the attack, which stranded up to 300,000 commuters yesterday, which has already spawned two variants, is the cause.

He said that software engineers were still investigating the cause, which prevented drivers from talking to signal and that the possibility being investigated, he said. He said he would say when the investigation would be complete.

Graham raised the possibility of a virus attack. "There is no evidence that hacking is the cause and it could have been introduced by one of our staff in our care," Sydney's *Daily Telegraph* reported

- Legacy equipment
  - Security agnostic
  - Vulnerabilities backfit and security often turned off
  - Will be around for at least another 5 years
- New equipment
  - Vulnerabilities designed in
  - Will become pervasive for the next 15-20 years
- Future equipment
  - Security and performance part of initial design criteria





- Dial-ups still being used with new equipment
- Use of wireless modems, bluetooth, web services, Telnet, SNMP, DCOM, ActiveX, and other vulnerable applications in new equipment



# New SCADA Technologies



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- Used dictionary attack against Twitter  
admin= Crystal password = happiness
- Many accounts compromised: President-Elect Barack Obama's, and Fox News
- Prevention
  - Complex passwords
  - Account lockout after 5 bad attempts
  - Limit admin tools to administrators





# If You Remember Nothing Else ...

- Promptly apply **patches**
- Run **anti-virus software** configured to update daily, use on-access/on-demand scanning, and perform a full scan at least weekly
- Use a **firewall** (either software or hardware) and configure for the most restrictive setting that still allows you to do required work
- Select good, strong **passwords** and use them everywhere
- **Think** BEFORE you click!!







# Security Awareness Material

- [www.illinois.gov/bccs/services/catalog/security/assessments/Pages/awareness.aspx](http://www.illinois.gov/bccs/services/catalog/security/assessments/Pages/awareness.aspx)

